Limiting concessions to ASEAN by restructuring negotiations list

*15. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has conveyed to Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) that it would not grant more concessions and that negotiation list would not cut below 800 items in Indo-ASEAN FTA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) its impact on the member country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(c) As no final agreement has been reached, the impact on member countries cannot be assessed.

Declining employment opportunities

†*16. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons provided with employment during the last two years;

(b) whether it is a fact that organized as well as unorganized sectors have registered decline in employment during the last five years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the specific measures being taken by Government in order to provide more employment opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last

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